

StoryWalk®

Children and Teens Services Forum

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History of StoryWalk®

- The StoryWalk® Project was created in 2007 by Anne Ferguson in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library – Montpelier, Vermont
- Anne wanted to create something where parents were as active as the child.
- After the first StoryWalk®, Anne was told by her employer she could no longer focus on them. She began doing it on her own time.
- StoryWalk® is a registered trademark owned by Ms. Ferguson



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The ® must be used when using StoryWalk and the statement “The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library.” will need to be included on all promotion.

Elements of StoryWalk®

- **Early Literacy Learning**

- StoryWalk gives children the opportunity to learn new words, describe things and events, enjoy and tell stories, learn how to follow a story in sequence, and hear and play with sounds and letters in words.

- **Family Engagement Outdoors**

- Storywalk is a chance to make memories with a special adult.

- **Physical Activity**



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Partners

- Museums
- Schools
- Parks and Recreation Departments
- Nature Centers
- Hospitals and Pediatrician's Offices
- After-school or Summer School Programs
- Senior Centers
- Girl and Boy Scouts
- Boys and Girls Clubs
- Local Businesses and Organizations



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Select a Book

- What age group(s) will participate?
- Focus on minimal text
- Illustrations that do not cross the center of the book
- Great storyline



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Supplies

- 3 copies of your chosen book (2 for mounting – 1 for repair/replacement)
- Stakes – 1 per page (4 ft mahogany – stronger than pine)
- Laminated book pages (10 mil)
- Industrial Strength Sticky Back Velcro
- Location for StoryWalk®
- Guestbook



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Pages should not be enlarged or reproduced to avoid copyright violations
Velcro – pages can be taken down in the evening to prevent vandalism
Real Estate information box and pencils to keep guestbook weatherproof

North Kansas City Public Library

Supplies

- Copies of book
- Metal sign frame
- White corrugated plastic
- Brads
- Book Tape
- Poster board



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Katie Foster kindly shared information

StoryWalk® Assembly

- Take photos of every page of the book
- Cut 2 copies of the book
- Write a small number on the back
- Cut poster board to fit sign
- Hole punch each corner
- Mount page onto poster board
- Laminate
- Attach to corrugated plastic with brads



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Take photos of the book to use as reference later. Cut 2 copies of the book cutting along both front and back covers then start in the middle, working your way out. Write a small number on the backside of each page (and use your pictures) to ensure they are ordered correctly. Cut poster board to fit within the sign - black poster board doesn't seem to fade as obviously. Using a hole punch, punch each corner about 2 inches in from the edges and 1 inch from top and bottom. Attach pages to poster board with double-sided tape. Laminate the poster board pages. Use brad to attach to the corrugated plastic in the sign frames. Spread brads on the back and use book tape to hold them down.



Thank you to Katie Foster of North Kansas City Public Library for sharing how she prepares their StoryWalks and providing photos.

Resources

- Kellogg-Hubbard Library <https://www.kellogghubbard.org/storywalk>
- StoryWalk® Kit Resources <http://www.flis.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Storywalk-Kit-Resources.pdf>



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